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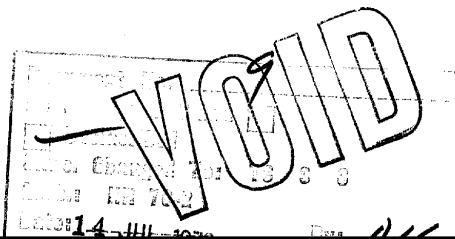
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1. On 21 November 1950, President Carlos Prío called Eusebio Mujal, Secretary General of the government-supported Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) to the Presidential Palace to inform him that the general strike proposed by Mujal was not to take place. The presence of the Chief of Police, General Quirino Uria Lopez, at the interview greatly disturbed Mujal, who refused to discuss the matter until Prío stated that Uria had been requested to remain and had been instructed to break up any attempts to call a strike.
2. It was further reported that the disagreement between Mujal and Francisco Aguirre over labor matters and CTC policy, a disagreement which began during the summer of 1950, when Mujal advocated the entry of the Argentine Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CGT) into any one of the regional workers' group in Latin America*, has resulted in a greater split between the two labor leaders. Aguirre, who has severely criticized Mujal for not taking a stronger stand against Communism in the labor unions, has continued his fight against Mujal's plan. Mujal, however, has made several visits to the Argentine Embassy in Habana to discuss the matter and plans to leave for Argentina in mid-December.
3. At a meeting between Mujal and Marco Antonio Hirigoyen, leader of the workers' groups of the Accion Revolucionaria Guiteras (ARG), in mid-November, Mujal is reported to have made several concessions to Hirigoyen, the details of which are not known. Hirigoyen, who was reported to be the ARG candidate for Secretary General of the CTC in the April 1951 elections, will be backed by the entire guiterista group, which plans to oppose Mujal or any candidate who is not a guiterista. The ARG has been making strenuous efforts to achieve legal party status and has long been trying to gain control of the non-Communist CTC.

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